

March 12, 2002

Winter Use Draft SEIS Comments
Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks
PO Box 352
Moose, WY. 83012

Dear Yellowstone and Grand Teton Park Management Team,

I support the concepts contained in Alternative 2 of the SEIS that was developed by the Cooperating Agencies because it continues to allow snowmobile access to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks and to the John D Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway on an individual/personal basis. Individual travel by snowmobile provides the best way to experience the magnificent natural features of the Parks in the winter.

I support reasonable limits on snowmobiling, and in particular, I support the advanced sale of park entry permits and adequate National Parks Rangers in place for security and guidance.

I believe the speed limit from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful should be 35 mph. I support the strict enforcement of speed limits and regulations that prohibit off-road travel and, restrictions on non-motorized use in wildlife winter ranges and fragile thermal areas.

I support reasonable restrictions on snowmobiling in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and realize that Yellowstone is a special place that needs special recognition.

I also encourage you to use partnerships with the surrounding communities, counties and states to expand educational opportunities that inform winter visitors regarding Park rules, user ethics, visitor safety and appreciation of the Park resources.

I am also hoping that you will adopt an Adaptive Management Plan for the Parks. In these days of constant technological advances, only a plan that can change with the times is fitting for the Park System.

Snowmobiling is a fun family sport, enjoyed by my family and by many other Americans.

Sincerely

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Park Service Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent:

I support Alternative 2, which was developed by the Cooperating Agencies, because it would allow snowmobile access to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and to the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway on an individual/personal basis. Individual travel by snowmobile provides the best way to experience the magnificent natural features of the Parks in the winter and I do not support any proposal for snowmobiler access to be only with guides.

I support eliminating the high use peak days which have led to overcrowding during certain holiday periods. Daily caps and/or a reservation system should be used to address this concern on those holidays. Historic annual use levels should be maintained. Proper management can accomplish this without damaging the Park.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of setting the emissions standards for snowmobiles nationwide. Separate standards for Yellowstone should not be necessary to address emission concerns within the Park. I support a reasonable level at which to regulate the sound of snowmobiles in national parks. Sound regulations should be established through an appropriate process using Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE) test protocols.

I believe the speed limit from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful should be maintained at 35 mph to increase safety and reduce impacts on this heavily traveled route. I support the strict enforcement of speed limits, regulations that prohibit off-road travel and restrictions on non-motorized uses in wildlife winter ranges and fragile thermal areas.

I would encourage you to use partnerships with the surrounding communities, counties, state governments and state snowmobile associations to expand educational opportunities that inform winter visitors regarding Park rules, user ethics, visitor safety and appreciation of the Park resources.

Sincerely,

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March 7, 2002

Park Service Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent:

I support Alternative 2 that was developed by the Cooperating Agencies because it would allow snowmobile access to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and to the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway on an individual/personal basis. Individual travel by snowmobile provides the best way to experience the magnificent natural features of the Parks in the winter and I do not support any proposal for snowmobiler's access to be only "with guides".

A reservation system, with reasonable daily caps that reflect historic average use levels, should be established for entry to Yellowstone National Park. I urge you to eliminate the high use peak days which have led to overcrowding on holiday periods and to, rather, use the daily caps to spread use out over a mid-December to mid-March winter season.

I support allowing access by only the snowmobiles that will be produced under EPA regulations. Since EPA is the expert, they should be the agency that establishes emission standards for snowmobiles rather than the National Park Service. I support a reasonable level at which to regulate the sound of snowmobiles in national parks. Sound regulations should be established through an appropriate process using SAE test protocols.

I believe the speed limit from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful should be lowered to 35 mph to reduce user conflicts and to increase safety. I support the strict enforcement of speed limits, regulations that prohibit off-road travel and restrictions on non-motorized uses in wildlife winter ranges and fragile thermal areas. I also believe travel on the roads within Yellowstone should be discouraged from 8 PM until 7:30AM.

I also encourage you to use partnerships with the surrounding communities, counties and states to expand educational opportunities that inform winter visitors regarding Park rules, user ethics, visitor safety and appreciation of the Park resources.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY ROOK

Dear National Park Service:

As an American and part owner of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, I support Alternative 2 for the winter management of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. I value the right to experience these parks on an individual and personal basis. Alternative 2 will allow the public continued and reasonable access using snowmobiles to these Parks that are owned by every American. Denying the freedom of individual visits to Yellowstone and Grand Teton on snowmobiles is truly an un-American way of managing our American National Parks.

Individual travel by snowmobile is the best way to experience the wonder and grandeur that Yellowstone and Grand Teton have to offer. The snowcoach only Alternatives (1A & 1B) as well as the guide only Alternative (3) eliminates the individual experience sought by the preponderance of winter visitors. I do not support Alternatives 1A, 1B or 3!

Any decision by the National Park service should be unbiased and take into account current and accurate scientific information and studies. Further, the Park Service must recognize the economic and demographic impacts to surrounding states and communities that actions taken by the National Park Service will have.

There is no reason for which snowmobile use in Yellowstone should be eliminated. During the three month season, snowmobiles are already restricted to the groomed paved-in-summer routes. This is such a small area compared to the total acreage of the park that further restrictions are not needed. Active and enforced management is what is needed, not management by elimination. Elimination of use is not management!

Elimination of snowmobile use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton sets a dangerous precedent that endangers the continued multiple-use mandate of our public lands. National Parks and other public lands should be managed as places for recreation not as natural preserves. Eliminating a majority of winter users from the Parks simply because of the transportation method they have chosen does not manage the Parks for the enjoyment of all people.

Besides allowing users to see the Parks on an individual and personal basis using snowmobiles for transportation, Alternative 2 has many redeeming features that makes it the ideal management Alternative.

This Alternative provides for a reservation system, with reasonable daily caps that reflect historic average use levels. This will eliminate the high use peak days that have led to overcrowding. Daily caps will spread use out over the mid-December to mid-March winter season.

Alternative 2 supports allowing access only by snowmobiles that will be produced under the yet to be finalized EPA regulations. This will allow four-stroke and clean two-stroke machines to access the parks. The EPA should be the agency that establishes emission standards for snowmobiles rather than the National Park Service. Separate standards for Yellowstone are not necessary to address emission concerns within the Park. I support a reasonable level at which to regulate the sound of snowmobiles in national parks. Sound regulations should be established through an appropriate process using standardized Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE) test protocols.

My supported Alternative, Alternative 2, requires a reduced speed limit from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful of 35 mph to reduce user conflicts and to increase safety. It provides for the strict enforcement of speed limits and other regulations such as those that prohibit off-road travel and protect wildlife. It also restricts non-motorized uses in wildlife winter ranges and fragile thermal areas.

I encourage the Park Service to partner with the surrounding communities, counties and states to expand educational opportunities that inform winter visitors regarding Park rules, user ethics, wildlife protection, visitor safety and appreciation of the Park resources. These entities have historically and continue to rely on the Parks for their economies. Eliminating snowmobile access to the Parks will have devastating impacts on these communities, counties and states.

I am hoping that the Park Service will adopt an Adaptive Management Plan for the Parks. In these days of constant technological advances, only a plan that can change with the times is fitting for the Park System. Snowmobiling is a fun family sport, enjoyed by me, my family and by many other Americans and is an appropriate and proper use of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

The National Park Service should remember that the Parks should be managed in an unbiased manner for the enjoyment of the public not to please the agendas of select groups who feel that the Parks should be off limits to everybody, even the owners -- the American public. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that the decision made by the Park Service in this matter will be made justly and without bias.

Sincerely,

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Protect Your Yellowstone Access

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To: The Honorable Gale Norton, Secretary of Interior

We request that you suspend implementation of the Record of Decision (ROD) that will close Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway to private snowmobiles by the winter 2002-2003. We request that you initiate a review of this ROD and prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that would contain new information on snowmobiles as well as add information to the record that was omitted from the first analysis. An additional, fact-based review will reveal that the decision to close the parks to snowmobiling was based on emotion and short-term politics. A careful examination of the facts would result in a decision that would both protect the parks' resources and allow traditional and historic modes of personal transportation such as snowmobiles.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

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Jamie Fliehman

To whom it may concern,

My option of the snowmobiles in Yellowstone is that they should be allowed in the park, but they should have to have a certain type of muffler or exhaust system. By doing this it will cut down on air pollution and air damage. I ride four wheelers all over the Cincinnati, Kentucky and Indiana are and most places are starting to regulate the type of exhaust you run. So by doing this you will still be able to ride in the park and not harm the ozone as much

Sincerely yours
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May 15, 2002

Winter Use Draft SEIS Comments
Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support the general concepts presented in Alternative 2 in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. Additionally, I offer the following comments:

I am hoping that you will adopt an Adaptive Management Plan for the Parks. In these days of constant technological advances, only a plan that can change with the times is fitting for the Park System. Snowmobiling is a fun family sport, enjoyed by my family and by many other Americans.

I support lowering the speed limit to 35 mph from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful to improve safety and to reduce sound levels and potential conflicts, as well as the strict enforcement of all posted speed limits within the Parks. I support requiring "cleaner-quieter" snowmobiles for entry into the Parks, but I believe EPA should determine appropriate emission levels for all snowmobiles rather than the Park Service establishing "park-only" regulations. It is apparent that the Park Service has understated the potential impacts from snowcoaches in the DSEIS. I request that you re-evaluate their stated impacts based upon the fact that vans converted into snowcoaches have significantly higher emissions than light-trucks and, therefore, snowcoach emissions in the DSEIS are understated by nearly 50%.

Thank you for allowing me to comment. I trust that any decisions made will take into consideration all sides of this issue and not be biased in any way.

Sincerely,

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Winter Use SEIS Comments
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Dear Secretary Norton,

I urge you to adopt and implement the National Park Service's decision to protect Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks by phasing out snowmobile use there over a four-year period. As the supplemental environmental impact statement demonstrates, this decision was based on extensive scientific review and public input, and would safeguard the parks for current and future generations to use and enjoy.

Snowmobiles in the parks pollute the air and water, make rangers and other park employees sick, and destroy the solitude that visitors expect from our national parks. Like other Americans, I want Yellowstone and Grand Teton to remain peaceful places in winter where bison, elk, and other wildlife are not harassed by noisy vehicles.

Do not allow pressure from the snowmobile industry to continue to jeopardize Yellowstone's wildlife and natural beauty, as well as the health of those who work and visit there. Listen to the science, the public, and the Park Service, and stick to the plan to phase out snowmobiles from our national parks.

Sincerely,

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Winter 2001-2002

To Superintendent's Office

I support the following:

- 1) Continued individual use of snowmobiles in the Yellowstone. Reasonable controls should be established that allows the vast majority of the users the access that they appreciate and respect.
- 2) There are many 4-stroke snowmobiles that are noticeably quieter and almost odorless. I believe, that given time, new technology such as this will take away most of the perceived pollution concerns.
- 3) I believe that the snowmobile and the snowcoach can co-exist. There is a place for both. If one is banned at the expense of the other, a large segment of a user group will be denied access. This should not be.
- 4) I believe that historic visitor use levels should be maintained. Proper management can accomplish this without hurting the Park. Nothing should be done to deny access to those people who choose to go on a snowmobile, or in a snowcoach. It is an individual preference that should be respected.

Thank you again for your outstanding efforts to make this very visible increased effort to increase the protection and the enjoyment levels of those who love "Yellowstone in the Winter". Please allow continued individual personal use of snowmobiles in the Park. Snowcoaches and snowmobiles are compatible.

Thank you in advance for your help in providing continued access to Yellowstone with a choice of transportation options.

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Re: Winter Use Plan SEIS Comments

Dear Yellowstone and Grand Teton Park Management Team:

I support alternative #2 that would continue to allow snowmobile access to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and to the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway on an individual basis. I do not agree that only four stroke snowmobiles should be allowed into the Parks. Cleaner emission requirements should be phased in over a period of years as they have been with other motorized vehicles. I do not support any proposal for snowmobiles to either be prohibited entry into the Park or allowed access to be only with guides.

As a citizen of the United States I understand the National Parks were created for the public. Snowmobilers have had access to the Parks for decades and have peacefully coexisted within the Park without harmful effect on either the environment or animals in the Park. To eliminate snowmobile usage and allow access only by snow coaches violates the original intent of our National Parks.

Speed limit restrictions in Yellowstone are reasonable and have been successful in the past in regulating riding. As a snowmobiler rules for operational safety are expected and respected. Enforcement of existing laws and regulations are sufficient to protect Yellowstone.

Snowmobiling is a fun family sport enjoyed by thousands. Please keep Yellowstone open for winter snowmobiling for the generations of the future so that the public can continue to enjoy nature's tremendous beauty and excitement.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent's Office

RE: Winter Use Plan SEIS Comments

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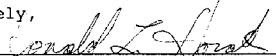
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Sincerely,

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